

Response to Official Action

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The withdrawn restriction requirement

The examiner is thanked for withdrawing the restriction requirement. The addition of claim 27 to this application has made to highlight the fact that the original restriction requirement was improper.

The finality of the rejection

This official action constitutes the first official action that the application received regarding the previously restricted claims. Since the restriction requirement was improperly made, this official action should not have been made final. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 15-18 and 23 are allowed by the Examiner and claims 27-30 are identified as being allowable over the prior art.

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 27, thereby making claim 1 allowable. Claim 27 is cancelled due to its incorporation into claim 1.

Independent Claim 19

Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 27, which should cause claim 19 to be allowed.

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Independent Claim 22

Claim 22 is allowable over the prior art, but attracted a rejection under 35 USC § 101. This claim has been amended to address the 35 USC § 101 issue raised by the Examiner.

Independent Claim 25

Claim 25 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 27, which should cause claim 25 to be allowed.

Claims 21, 23 and 24

Claims 21, 23 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice in response to the 35 USC § 101 rejection thereof.

Reconsideration is requested

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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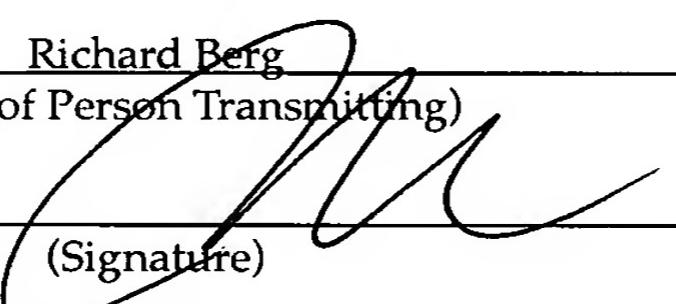
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